

He toki kai te tika, taraia ai e Te Hamo, kā puna karikari ki tuawhenua, ki Hokonui, tere atu ki te awa moana o Ōtākou, rere atu ki Puketeraki, tae noa ki Moeraki. It was the adze, Te Hamo that shaped the deep pools inland, to Hokonui, flowing out to the ocean river of Ōtākou, moving to Puketeraki and arriving at Moeraki.

Mana whenua expectations of Te Pūkenga



A relationship with mana whenua must be mana to mana, respecting our distinctive needs and views

"We have known what is up for hundreds of years, and we know how to provide the solutions. If you can't hold a proper relationship then why would we want to. Don't do it for us, do it with us."



We want to partner with Te Pūkenga, but we do not have the capacity on the ground. Be a good treaty partner and find more innovative ways to work with us

"We would like to see Te Pūkenga resource a role that ensures this mahi is undertaken and is indicative of its commitment to developing a cohesive and meaningful relationship with us."



We entrust Māori learners in your hands. Make sure staff have the cultural capability and that the environment affirms Kai Tahu culture

"If we were working this close, we need staff and students to feel comfortable working with us, so the Otago Polytechnic will need to dedicate resources to developing their capacity."



Let's collaborate to identify innovative solutions for our whānau who aspire to live and learn on the kaik

"The other piece I think that comes up often as a theme is people have got to sustain an income and a life. So, how do people access education and training in a way that fits their life? As opposed to here is a diploma, how do I plug myself into the structure of that qualification and its expectations."



We want to work together to develop more culturally responsive and located pedagogies and curriculum that reflect the needs of Māori learners

"We want to collaborate to design programmes that reflect our specific needs. Then give us the resource so that the programmes are delivered by us, for our people, on our marae. This type of partnership will support the successful succession planning of our whānau into the future."

